THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) As per the information made available by the Director General of Foreign Trade, following are the quantities under Article code 3915—Waste, parings and scrap of plastics imported from April 1998 to September, 2001:

April, 1998-March, 1999	—	54,381 Tonnes
April, 1999-March, 2000	—	52,247 Tonnes
April, 2000-March, 2001	—	66,089 Tonnes
April,-2001-September, 2001	—	45,389 Tonnes

(b) The Justice R.N. Misra Committee has recommended that "Import of plastics wastes should be banned and the Govemment may formulate the policy accordingly".

(c) The under mentioned rules have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 *inter-alia,* to check environmental hazards to health by plastics wastes:

(i) Recycled Plastics Manufacture and Usage Rules, 1999.

(ii) Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000.

In addition to these, a Public Notice No. 392 (PN)/92-97 dated 1st January, 1997 laying down the procedure relating to import of plastic waste and scrap has also been published by" the Director General of Foreign Trade.

Environment Clearance of Tourism Project in Gujarat

2114. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tourism project of Gujarat is pending environmental clearance by Govemment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when the project proposal was received by Government;

(d) the reasons for delay in clearance; and

(e) by when the project is likely to be cleared by Govemment?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) State Government has informed that no tourist project has been submitted by them to the Central Government for environmental clearance.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.